metal surface is zinc or zinc alloy.

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metal surface is selected from the group consisting of zinc, cadmium, aluminum and alloys of these metals among each other and/or with iron or other metals.

Please cancel without prejudice claims 29-57.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended so that it is consistent with Fig. 37 which shows, for example, the average chromium content of $0.11 \times 440 \text{ nm} = \text{a chromium index of } 48.$

Claims 1-57 have now all been cancelled. The presently pending claims are claims 58-119. Support for claims 58-119 can be found in the claims originally filed in the parent PCT application, claims 1-16 which were found in the IPER to meet the requirements of novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability, and the PCT abstract.

If any fees are due during the entire prosecution of this application under §§1.16 and 1.17, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 31716.

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